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23 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Special Group

SUBJECT: Permission for a TACKLE Mission
to the Szechwan Basin

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Approved Jan-25 provided camera with fix test film first.

1. Two TACKLE missions directed at the Szechwan

Basin

have failed because of camera mal-

function. Permission is requested to mount another mission at this target as soon as feasible.

2. The Hy Con camera experts through extensive tests have determined that the cause of malfunction lies in the vacuum solenoid. This device which controls the movement of the film has been rebuilt to replace a cadmium lining with nickel. This replacement, thoroughly tested, will be installed before any further TACKLE missions are made. This should be accomplished by 23 January. The answer to why this fault has not shown itself in previous years is obscure but it is believed associated with the age and protracted use of the equipment.

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